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INFO AMCONSUL LOURENCO MARQUES

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E. O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: PINS, SCUL

SUBJ: STUDENT DISTURBANCES

1. LISBON AND OPORTO UNIVERSITIES HAVE BEEN SCENE OF ANNUAL SPRING DISTURBANCES. TROUBLE BEGAN AT LISBON LAW FACULTY 10 DAYS AGO WHEN MELEE BROKE OUT AFTER POLICE INTERVENED TO BREAK UP MASS STUDENT MEETING CALLED TO PROTEST DECISION OF EDUCATION MINISTER TO SCRATCH "SECOND ROUND" EXAMS, WHICH PERMITTED STUDENTS WHO FAILED SPRING EXAMS TO REPEAT THEM IN FALL. SOME PROPERTY DAMAGE AND SLIGHT PERSONAL INJURIES IN LAW SCHOOL FRAY, WHICH REPORTEDLY INVOLVED HUNDREDS OF STUDENTS. SIMILAR SCENE HAS BEEN REPEATED SEVERAL TIME AT LAW SCHOOL OVER LAST TEN DAYS.

2. OVER SAME PERIOD, ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS SMALL GROUPS OF STUDENTS WHOM THE PRESS HAS LABELED "MAOISTS" HAVE STRUCK IN VARIOUS LISBON AREAS BREAKING WINDOWS (BANKS HAVE BEEN FAVORITE TARGET) AND SHOUTING SLOGANS. THUS FAR NO ARRESTS REPORTED.

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3. STUDENTS OF AT LEAST ONE HIGH SCHOOL HAVE CALLED A STRIKE IN ACADEMIC DISPUTE.

4. ON APRIL 4 STUDENTS AT UNIVERSITY OF OPORTO OCCUPIED CONFERENCE HALL OF SCIENCE- ENGINEERING FACULTY. AMCONSUL OPORTO REPORTS RECTOR CALLED POLICE, WHO MOVED IN ON CONFERENCE HALL; MELEE BROKE OUT. PRESS REPORTS 200 STUDENTS DETAINEES (BUCAHREST 1178). SHOULD THIS SOUR AND FILMING NOT BE ALLOWED, GORDON MAY WISH RECONSIDER THIS PROGRAM ALSO. WE SHALL ASSUME FILMING PERMITTED UNLESS INFORMED OTHERWISE.

6. FILM TECHNICIAN MARTIN HAILEY INFO CONTENTS SEPTTEL.

7. RE: STORAGE REQUIREMENTS MOPIX EQUIPMENT: SHULD NOT RPT NOT BE STORED IN CONCERT HALL DUE LACK OF EASY ACCESS. WE SUGGEST SECURE SPACE FOR 18 PIECES AT HOTEL, IF POSSIBLE. AS LAST RESORT: INTREPID PHOTOGS WILLING STORE EQUIPMENT IN THEIR OWN HOTEL ROOMS.

8. NOT POSSIBLE TO PREVIOUSLY INSCRIBE PERMA PLAQUES. ESCORT CARRYING ONE, GORDON TWO, ALL SUITABLE FOR AUTOGRAPHING. AS PER YOUR DESIRES, ARIA AND CSCE WOULD EACH RECEIVE ONE PLAQUE, PROBABLY LEAVING ONE EXTRA FOR PRESENTATION AT YOUR DISCRETION.

9. GORDON RECALLS BEING TOLD BY ARIA REP THAT HIGH CALIBER PROFESSIONAL PORTRAIT PHOTOS OF 5- D COULD BE ARRANGED AND REQUESTS YOU EXPLORE DETAILS (PRICE, ETC) THIS SUBJECT.

10. PARTY IN ANKARA UNTIL APRIL 8, ISTANBUL UNTIL AFTERNOON APRIL 11. HANDLEY

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